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## PLANS FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOP DISCUSSED AT UM CONFERENCE

MISSOULA---

An organizational conference to establish a Sheltered Workshop for the handicapped in Missoula ended on a winning note Wednesday at the University of Montana.

Fifty representatives of various business concerns and professional agencies met in the new University Center Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss the establishment of the Sheltered Workshop.

During the two-day conference, participants voiced considerable optimism that a Sheltered Workshop for the handicapped can be established in the city, although several agreed that a few more conferences are needed to iron out details.

The Rev. Jonathan Nelson, Lutheran Campus Pastor at UM who has been involved extensively in organizing plans for the workshop, said establishment of a Sheltered Workshop series has been generated by the Human Resources Commission, Inc., (HRC) of Missoula, largely through the efforts of HRC coordinator, Mrs. Ruth Parnell.

"Objective of the Sheltered Workshop," Nelson said, "is to get jobs for the handicapped."

Nelson said development of organizational plans for the workshop began several months ago when an ad hoc committee of community leaders joined together to get jobs for the handicapped.

"We want to pool community resources for the handicapped and make these resources known to the handicapped," Nelson continued. "We want to establish a Sheltered Workshop where handicapped people who are unemployable in normal industries can find employment and a productivity outlet."

Nelson said the Sheltered workshop would be available to the mentally handicapped as well as the physically and socially handicapped.

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This week's Sheltered Workshop Conference, entitled "To Each His Chance," featured talks by business and professional representatives.

Kevin Shannon, director of the Sheltered Workshop in Butte, discussed workshop development in that city. Discussion leaders/included a number of University representatives--Dennis Green of the Mental Hygiene Clinic; Mrs. Sara C. McClain of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, and Dr. William McBroom of the UM Sociology Department. Rick Webb, a KYLT radio commentator, also was on the program.

Fred May, chairman of the Handicapped Association of Missoula, an organization established several months ago, has been cooperating with the HRC in Sheltered workshop planning.

"We hope to have weekly discussion groups," May said, "and to hold monthly meetings of the more than 50 Handicapped Association members."

Besides a number of University officials, representatives of other professions and businesses have been involved with workshop development. Groups represented include the State Employment Service, on-the-job training and special education groups, and private firms such as the Hoerner-Waldorf Corporation of Montana, The Anaconda Co. and The Montana Power Co.

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